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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PARK REITERATES CALL FOR NATIONAL STRENGTH
AND SELF-RELIANCE

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1. PRESIDENT PARK, ADDRESSING KOREAN NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS AT CHINHAEE APRIL 9, WARNED OF NORTH KOREA'S "INTRANSIGENT COMMITMENT" TO UNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA "ON ITS OWN TERMS BY FORCE", AND REPEATED THEMES HE HAD STRESSED AT RECENT KOREAN MILITARY AND AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONIES RE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE AND OVERALL NATIONAL STRENGTH (REFTEL).

2. PRESIDENT KEYED PORTION HIS SPEECH SPECIFICALLY TO GRADUATES, CALLING FOR STRENGTHENING OF ROK NAVAL COMBAT CAPABILITIES IN ORDER TO "DESTROY ANY SEABORNE PROVOCATION FROM NORTH KOREA AT A SINGLE BLOW". HE ALSO URGED ALERTNESS TO POSSIBILITY THAT PYONGYANG MIGHT RUN RISKS AS OUTLET FOR ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS,
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AND CAUTIONED HIS AUDIENCE CONCERNING

NORTH'S "FALSE PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES", WHICH ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER BLAME FOR PENINSULAR TENSIONS TO ROK.

3. NO NEW DEPARTURES OF SIGNIFICANCE NOTED IN PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

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